

AMENDED CLAIM SET:

1. (currently amended) A reinforcing non-woven base fabric ~~comprising~~ consisting of: reinforcing fiber yarns as warp yarns, in which the reinforcing fiber yarn is selected from the group consisting of carbon fibers, glass fibers, boron fibers, and steel fibers, and is a fiber extended yarn made of multifilaments that form a flat shape having a degree of flatness in a range from 20 to 700 without twists, and ~~a support fibrous member that is formed of~~

multifilament yarns as weft yarns, ~~yarn that is made~~ consisting of polyolefin composite fibers having a core-sheath structure in which the sheath portion is formed by a polymer having a lower melting point than that of the core portion;

wherein the reinforcing non-woven base fabric ~~being~~ is formed by laminating and thermo-compressing the reinforcing fiber yarns and the multifilament yarns ~~support fibrous members~~ to anchor the reinforcing fiber yarns with the multifilament yarns ~~support member~~ to form a sheet shape, and

wherein said reinforcing non-woven base fabric has a three-layer structure in which two upper layers and a lower layer of the groups of warp yarns with a fixed interval are placed, with the group of weft yarns being interpolated therebetween, and the lower layer is laminated with an offset of a 1/2-pitch so as to place the yarn of the group of lower-layer yarns between the yarns of the groups of upper-layer yarns.

2. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is made of carbon fibers.

3. & 4. (cancelled).

5. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the core-sheath structure of the composite fibers having the core-sheath structure has a polypropylene (core portion)/polyethylene (sheath portion) structure or a polypropylene (core portion)/low melting point polypropylene (sheath portion) structure.

6. (cancelled).

7. (cancelled).

8. (cancelled).

9. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1, wherein the sheet shape is maintained through fusion-bonding.

10. – 13. (cancelled).

14. (previously presented) The reinforcing non-woven base fabric according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the high melting point polymer is a polypropylene polymer and the low melting point polymer is polyethylene or a low melting point polypropylene polymer.

15. (cancelled).

16. (cancelled).